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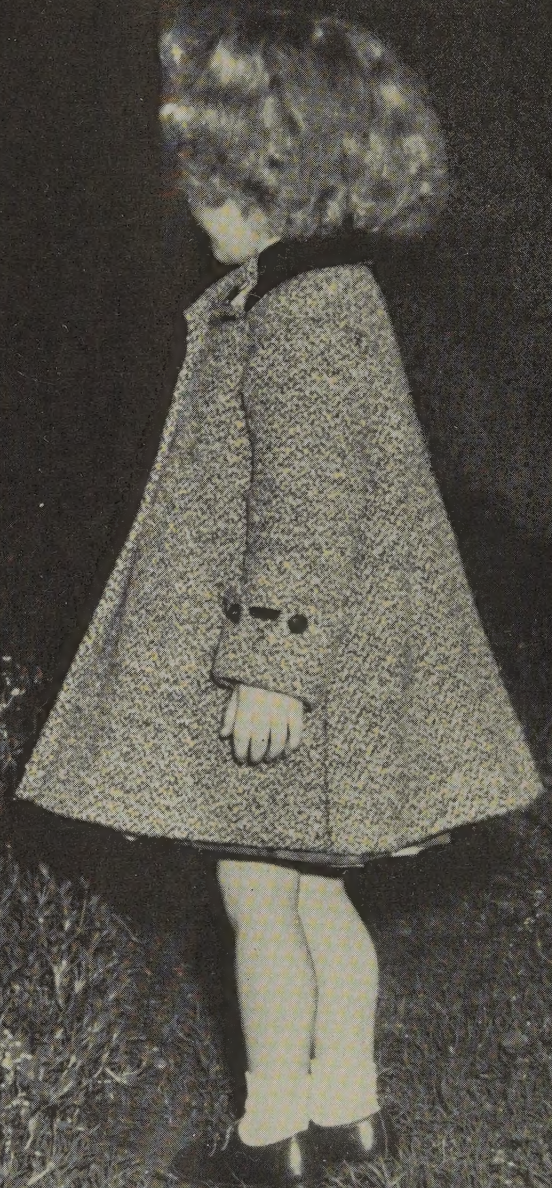
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"IS THIS THE RIGHT ROAD HOME, O LORD?  
THE CLOUDS ARE DARK AND CHILL,  
THIS STONY PATH IS HARD TO TREAD,  
EACH STEP BRINGS SOME FRESH HILL,  
I THOUGHT THE WAY WOULD BRIGHTER GROW,  
AND THAT THE SUN WOULD WARMER GLOW,  
AND JOYOUS SONGS FROM GLAD HEARTS FLOW!  
IS THIS THE RIGHT ROAD HOME?"

"YES CHILD, THIS VERY ROAD I TROD;  
THE CLOUDS WERE DARK FOR ME;  
THE STONY PATH WAS SHARP AND HARD;  
NOT SIGHT BUT FAITH COULD SEE  
THAT AT THE END THE SUN SHONE BRIGHT,  
FOREVER WHERE THERE IS NO NIGHT,  
WHERE GLAD HEARTS REST FROM EARTH'S FIERCE FIGHT —  
THIS IS THE RIGHT WAY HOME."





# EDITORIAL

## IS THERE BIBLE SIGNIFICANCE IN TODAY'S MAP OF EUROPE?

Our Lord rebuked the Pharisees and Sadducees who could discern the face of the sky and predict weather conditions but who could not "*discern the signs of the times.*" (Matt. 16:3). By this token it is our responsibility to keep ourselves posted concerning events about us that we might not likewise merit His rebuke. The student of the Bible finds today's European world of considerable interest and there is good evidence that what one observes there has definite Biblical significance.

In latter day prophetic interpretation, it has consistently been taught that the antichrist is to come from the revived Roman Empire. Hence, during Mussolini's era, prophetic preachers frequently asserted that Scripture was fulfilled, that once more there was a Roman Empire, and that Mussolini was the antichrist just awaiting the moment when he should reveal himself. Such preachers were much chagrined when the Roman Empire dissolved in ignomy, and Mussolini died an inglorious death. Obviously someone had made a mistake.

The same Scriptures that inclined preachers of two and three decades ago to theorize concerning Rome are with us today. Daniel says "... and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; ... and he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week." (Dan. 9:26,27). Since the "people" who destroyed Jerusalem were Romans, it is reasoned that the

prince, who in this passage obviously is antichrist, is also Roman. Furthermore, the beast (antichrist) of Revelation 17 is portrayed as bearing up the infamous woman (ecclesiastical Rome) and itself, in its manifold heads, being the "seven mountains" with which Rome is traditionally identified. The image vision of Daniel 2 represents the fourth kingdom as the legs, feet, and toes. That it was this fourth kingdom that was overthrown by the Lord as a "*stone ... cut out of the mountain without hands,*" is evidence that it is to be a Roman Kingdom which our Lord overcomes at His glorious Second Coming.

The important fact to note in today's map of Europe is that the continent is still divided in a manner strikingly similar to that of Roman times. Today's division is on the basis of allegiance to Moscow or the rejection of such allegiance. The east and the west are separated with what is commonly called the "iron curtain," and this dividing boundary virtually coincides with the bounds of the Roman Empire in the early Christian era. Who can say that the so-called "revived Roman Empire" is such a lost cause after all?

### HE GIVES THE BEST

He knows, He loves, He cares,  
Nothing this thought can dim.  
Only the best He gives to those  
Who leave the choice to Him!

A Christian is known not by his foliage but by his fruits.

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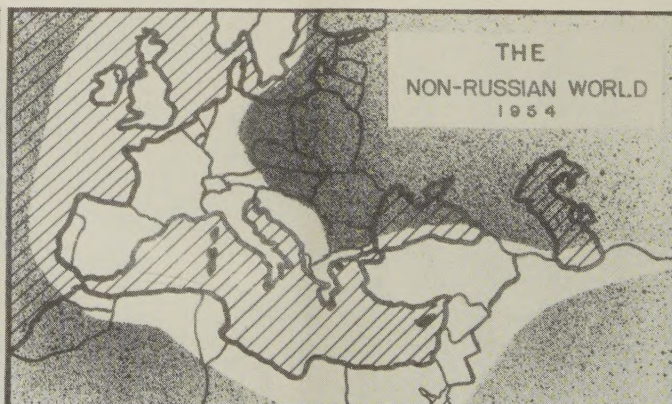
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Some folks give their mite,  
Others give with their might,  
And some don't give who might!



THE ROMAN WORLD AND THE MODERN WESTERN WORLD prove to be remarkably similar in their boundaries when seen in comparative maps. Yugoslavia is Communistic, but it is independent of Moscow. To the

degree that Communism looms as a foreboding threat, the Western nations move closer together. The modern day face of Europe is of vital significance to the student of Bible prophecy.



# THE JOY OF THE LORD

by

J. R. EDGAR

No matter who we are, no matter what our status of life, we all are privileged to enjoy the presence of God. Included in His presence is His unfolding plan that we have joy and happiness in our hearts. The Psalmist states, *"Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore."* God's plan for our lives includes joy!

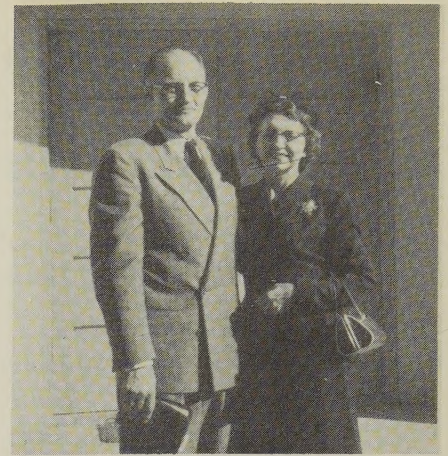
Carrie Judd Montgomery said she had learned a secret. She stated, "Everyday I seek to be filled with the joy of the Lord. Joy is not a luxury of a few, but a necessity for every one of us. Everyday I look to Him to fill me with His joy. To have that joy is my strength. If I am not conscious of this joy I say, 'Dear Lord, I trust the precious blood to cleanse away at this moment anything that would hinder the flow of thy joy within.'"

So many have felt that being a Christian and serving Christ is a sad, solemn affair, and the countenance of some have given that impression. A very dejected individual was standing outside the church inviting the passers-by to come into the service. A businessman hurrying along was

stopped by this man and woefully invited to enter the church. The businessman taking one look at the man's face said, "Thanks friend, but I have trouble enough now." Overflowing joy should be the present possession of every Christian.

Let us notice the words spoken by our Lord just before He went to Calvary; words that are set forth in John's gospel from chapters 13 to 17. The disciples were told not to be troubled. Jesus said He was going away but He would prepare a place for them and for all who believe in Him. He told them that He would come again. What joyous news that was! Even as the disciples of old, our hearts cry out today, "Even so come Lord Jesus." He said, *"I will not leave you comfortless"* and He promised to send the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to them. But that was not all, Jesus declared, *"If a man love me, he will keep my words, and my father will love him, and will come unto him and make our abode with him."*

Our lives should be fountains of joy and happiness, for after all, Christ gives us joy unspeakable and full of glory. We are told to ask that our joy may be full. Inasmuch as we constant-



*THE J. R. EDGARS in the doorway of their church at Ukiah.*

ly maintain a prayer fellowship with God, we will be joyful, and inasmuch as we are joyful, we will encourage others to a state of joyfulness. Joy can never be selfish; it must always have the interest of others at heart.

A man was suffering with a mental breakdown and was heavily depressed. At the suggestion of a friend, he went to a Bible institute and was seated at each meal by the side of a Christian who was one of the most spiritual in the school. This Christian radiated the joy of the Lord and was overflowing with wholesome fun. After two weeks, the depressed man was completely restored. The oil of joy that was ministered to him brought relief. Should not you and I be dispensers of joy to the many around us?



## LIKE THE LILY

JUST LIKE THE LILY BLOOMING IN THE SLOUGH,  
ENCOMPASSED NEAR AND FAR BY STAGNANT SCUM,  
SO CLEAN AND SPOTLESS, PURE AND FRESH OF HUE,  
IN SUCH A SETTING DOES OUR SAVIOR COME.

BUT FETID SCUM CANNOT HIS FRAGRANCE STAND,  
NOR CAN IT BROOK HIS MILD, SUBMISSIVE CALM.  
IT CANNOT BEAR HIS GENTLE, LOVING HAND;  
NOR FIND SWEET REFUGE IN HIS HEALING BALM.

SO, WICKED HANDS ARE QUICK TO TAKE HIM PREY;  
AND BITTER TONGUES ARE SHARP TO SPEAK HIS FATE.  
THEN TORTURED FOOTSTEPS TRUDGE GOLGOTHA'S WAY,  
TO SUFFER SHAME AND DEATH WITHOUT THE GATE.

HARD HANDS ARE THERE TO NAIL HIM TO THE TREE,  
A SOLDIER'S SPEAR TO FURTHER SEAL HIS DOOM.  
THEN FRIENDLY HANDS RECEIVE HIM TENDERLY,  
AND GIVE HIM BURIAL IN A BORROWED TOMB.

BUT NARROW GRAVE CANNOT, OUR SAVIOR, HOLD;  
HE, LIKE THE LILY, KNOWS THE SOURCE OF LIFE.  
WHILE STAGNANT SCUM CONTINUES DANK AND COLD,  
HE RISES UP ABOVE THE STENCH AND STRIFE.

NOW, LIKE THE LILY PLUCKED WHILE BLOOMING FAIR,  
HE SHARES HIS BEAUTY WITH THE THRONGS ABOVE;  
AND YET, HIS FRAGRANCE FILLS THE FETID AIR.  
HE LIVES, THE FLOWER OF PURE UNDYING LOVE!

— ALVY E. FORD



# When Easter Dawns In Korea

by

T. KERMIT JEFFREY

Korea has been called the "World's Heartbreak." Thousands of families live in squalid huts thrown together with flattened beer cans, straw mats, cardboard boxes and scrap lumber. Ragged mothers with babies on their backs stretch out mute hands in appeal.

Yet Korea is the Christian Church's most urgent challenge. Easter with its message of the resurrection could mean a dawn of hope for Korea and every mission field in the world — if the spirit of the early church could grip our hearts.

The resurrection of Christ was big news for the first century world. One glimpse of the empty tomb and the disciples were convinced that they had the greatest message ever to be published. It took only the power of Pentecost to equip them for the task and to project them upon the consciousness of a pagan empire.

There were no limitations to the message. It was news . . . startling, sensational news! Christ Jesus, their Lord and Master, put to death by cruel men, was alive again! They had proof, living, vital proof. They had seen Him. That was the kind of news that should have made every headline in the empire. There must be no frontier, no outpost where that news could not reach. The field was the world, no language, no color, no creed, no pagan government, no idolatrous religion, no prejudiced "chosen people" presented a formidable barrier to the proclamation of the good news. It must be to all the world or none of the world. Hence, *"these that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the gospel."* IT WAS NEWS UNLIMITED! BLANKET COVERAGE!!

Above all, it was a declaration of Hope. Since the dim past men had grappled with the vexing problem propounded by Job: "If a man die will he live again?" The Sadducees said "No!" The Pharisees said "Yes!" The Herodians didn't care. The fables of the Romans and the philosophies of the Greek left men with only hollow, ghostly shadows, no substance, no assurance, no real hope. Yet hu-

man nature was desperately concerned about life after death. If man lives again in another world how could he prepare for it? If man doesn't live again, then eat, drink and be merry, and die like a dog!



OUR AUTHOR T. KERMIT JEFFREY who is pastor of Calvary Temple in San Jose.

Small wonder then that the disciples ran from the "press room" (the upper room) with the latest edition of The Good News. They had made a startling discovery. They had found the answer. They not only knew that man would live again, in a new resurrection, but they could tell "how" he would live. The formula for preparation was simple. *"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, (as a resurrected, living Savior,) and thou shalt be saved."* They had heard Him say: *"Fear not, I am the First and the Last, I am he that liveth and was dead and behold I am alive forevermore, and have the keys of Hell and Death."* . . . *"because I live ye shall live also."*

But the most exciting part of the story is what that news did to the men who proclaimed it. Pentecost

had unloosed their tongues, it had put a keen edge on their faith. A world that had crucified their Master was not prepared to receive the report that He had come to life again. Their message released an avalanche of hatred and indignation. Riots raged, church councils were called, prison doors opened and were locked behind them. Beatings, stonings, midnight escapes, secret prayer meetings, then preaching in the Temple courts until carried before the Sanhedrin, martyrdoms, imprisonments, exile: all this greeted those first century reporters of the Good News.

Did they grow discouraged, begin to moderate their message? Did they call a meeting to discuss the problem of how to win public esteem for their cause? No! The message had done something to them personally. Within their hearts a fire burned and nothing could quench it. Men who had cravenly absented themselves when their Master had been arrested, now gladly accept arrest. Disciples who had met behind closed doors, "for fear of . . ." now fearlessly declared themselves His followers. Who minded dying for Christ if it meant being ushered instantly into His presence with fulness of joy? They gladly accepted death that they might have a better resurrection. It made them invincible.

An appraisal of the spirit and power of the first century Church should challenge every thinking Christian. We have much in common with them. Our message is still the same. The Good News is still best seller material; it still has headline possibilities. The power of a Pentecostal experience is still unchanged. The heart of man cries out for assurance while he stops his ears to the message. On the other hand there are some differences. Radio, the printing press, transportation facilities, — these and other tools have equipped the 20th century church to do the job more quickly. A vast army of God-fearing people around the world call themselves followers of Christ. Yet with all this, we lack something vital and propulsive. It is the *spirit* of the early church . . . its willingness to sacrifice and suffer: that we have lost today. We do token giving and token praying and token going, yet we have not caught that total, all-out fervor that made them so invincible.

A letter from our Assembly of God Chaplain in Korea, Jack Carmichael, places the foregoing fact squarely before us. I quote as follows:

"No doubt you have read in the stateside newspapers of the terrific



program that has been inaugurated in Korea under the heading, Armed Forces Aid to Korea. This program is giving away millions of dollars to help establish schools, churches, orphanages and other such organizations throughout the whole of South Korea. Under this program the Government of the United States will furnish all the building materials necessary to erect any building or buildings that will meet their engineering specifications. They require only that each organization furnish the labor necessary to erect the building.

"We of the Assemblies of God are a young mission church in Korea, and we desperately need to take advantage of this program. It could make our efforts over here hundred-fold more effective if we were awake to the opportunities that are ours through this AFAK program. (This is not the exaggeration of an enthusiast.) All that we would need is to invest a few thousand dollars and we would be able to have an effective mission here with a solid national work. Should we miss this opportunity it will take us twenty years of great sacrifice to do a like piece of work and I'm personally convinced that it will put us so far behind that we will always be a feeble, tottering church when we could be the answer to the Korean people's need. The message we offer could make the faith of these folk vibrant. They have enough of the formal Christianity. What they need is to hear the message of what the Spirit of God can do to make the whole of life have meaning.

"I have just returned from a visit in Seoul where I talked with Art Chesnut, our Assemblies of God missionary in Korea, concerning the opportunities which are ours if we but have the vision to grasp them. Here are the opportunities that he reported:

1. Pusan — People are worshipping in a tent, about two hundred in Sunday School. Not a chance for a church down there. Bro. Chesnut had plans drawn by the engineers, which he had submitted to AFAK so that he could draw the necessary building materials, but he had to pull the letter and plans out of channels because the Missions Department at Springfield wrote that there would be no possibility of getting the two thousand dollars necessary for the skilled labor to erect the building.

2. Taygu — An established group that have plans for a sanctuary which

will probably always be a dream because we will not sacrifice to give them a church. They need about two thousand dollars to provide the skilled labor to erect the building from the materials that are in the army engineer dumps, just waiting till they have the finances to put them to use.

3. Bible School in Seoul — Our Bible School could have a large concrete-steel dormitory (it would cost us \$35,000 to build it, however through AFAK \$5000 for labor would erect it.) However Bro. Chesnut has just received a letter from the Missions Department informing him that it is impossible for them to channel

## AT CLOSE OF DAY



Was I empty, Master, when You needed me today?

Was I wholly yielded, as a vessel made of clay?

Was I fully consecrated, ready at Thy hand?

Was I waiting, Master, to go forth at Thy command?

Was I burdened, rather, with a load of worldly care?

Was I doing this and that, or rushing here and there?

Was I busy seeking pleasure, after my own choice?

Was I so engrossed with self, I could not hear Thy voice?

Oh why did I waste this day I held within my grip?

Oh why did I carelessly ignore it, let it slip?

Oh why did I fail to hear, Dear Lord, Thy soft request?

Oh why did I fail to go, and do, at Thy behest?

What if this has been my final chance to do Thy will?

What if, ere the morning dawns, this heart lies cold and still?

What if, at the break of day, I stand before Thy Throne?

What if, stripped of earthly things, I stand undone, alone?

Master, bend Thy loving ear, and listen to me pray.

Master, blot out all the idle follies of today.

Master, should You yet see fit to use this life of mine,

Master, help me walk with Thee, and keep my hand in Thine!

—Alvy E. Ford.

any funds toward this project. He has a requisition to draw the lumber, but cannot draw it because he must have the money for the labor before the army will deliver the lumber.

"The opportunities are ripe and here is a desperate need. If a couple of churches wanted they could get together and build one of these mission churches. What a contribution it would be to the Kingdom of God if something like this happened.

"This doesn't mean doing something three months from now because that will be too late. It means digging down in our pockets right now and sending off an offering for Korea. Designate it to one particular project that I have mentioned above. Address to Arthur Chesnut, Foreign Missions Department and state the particular project for which your gift is designated.

"May God richly reward you for your interest and love for these people in the Land of the Morning Calm.

Sincerely,  
Jack Carmichael, Chaplain."

Easter will dawn this month on a broken bleeding Korea. Her tent churches and shivering rags will contrast pitifully with our own gothic cathedrals and dress parades. The cry of starving orphans, naked and destitute, must continue to ring in the ears of the Christian church. If hope, life and immortality are the Good News which we proclaim then may God grant that the spirit of the early church shall catch fire in our hearts until sacrifice for the cause of missions, particularly the 20 million in tragedy struck Korea, will be the watch word of our Eleventh Hour Evangelism.

We have the "wood" (message), we have the "fire" (Pentecostal endowment), but where is the "Sacrifice" (sacrificial giving)?

### Dates to remember:

**BETHANY PARK CAMP**

July 1 - 18

**BOYS AND GIRLS CAMP**

July 19 - 23

**JUNIOR HIGH CAMP**

July 26 - 30

**C. A. CAMP**

August 2 - 7

**REDWOOD SECTION**

**C. A. CAMP**

July 19 - 24



# The Valley of Baca



by

J. NARVER  
GORTNER

The Syrians in Ahab's day thought that the God of Israel was a God of the hills but not of the valleys. They thought they had been defeated by an army that was much inferior to theirs for the simple reason that the God of Israel had helped the men of Israel, being the God of the hills. There the battle that had resulted so disastrously for them had been fought. The servants of the king of Syria said to him, *"Their gods are gods of the hills; therefore they were stronger than we but let us fight against them in the plain, and surely we shall be stronger than they."* (Kings 20:23). So they proceeded to make ample preparation for another attempt to overthrow the kingdom of Israel of which Ahab was the king, and *"at the return of the year Benhadad numbered the Syrians, and went up to Aphek, to fight against Israel."* We read that *"the children of Israel pitched before them like two little flocks of kids; but the Syrians filled the country."* What was the outcome?

We read that a man of God came and said to the king of Israel, *"Thus saith the Lord, Because the Syrians have said, the Lord is God of the hills, but He is not God of the valleys, therefore will I deliver all this great multitude into thine hand, and ye shall know that I am the Lord."* (1 Kings 20:28).

Whenever God fights for us we win, whether we fight in the hills or fight in the valleys. It matters not where we are, God is there. He is not only the God of the hills and of the valleys, He is the God of the whole earth. *"Our help cometh from the Lord which made heaven and earth."* He is the omnipresent and omnipotent One. Again and again in days gone by, and in our own day, He has

demonstrated the fact that He is ever present to help those who put their trust in Him. Would that this nation, as a nation, would actually trust God, doing His will and relying upon His goodness and His might! It would be invulnerable if it would do this. It would have no need to fear the atomic bombs or the hydrogen bombs that Russia has or boasts she has. God would put such fear upon Russia that she would be afraid to attack us, or, if she were to attack us she would be crushed as a moth, and America would be safe, and would stand upright. In Psalm 20:7,8, we read *"Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the Lord, our God. They,"* (that is, those who trust in chariots and in horses,) *"are brought down and fallen: but we"* (who remember the name of the Lord our God) *"are risen, and stand upright."*

We are engaged in a spiritual conflict. Against us are arrayed the powers of darkness, the forces of evil. These forces are invisible, being spiritual in their nature, but they are just as real as are the forces that are visible upon a battle field. The forces of evil that are arrayed against us attack us in many ways. The devices of the devil are many. Happy indeed are we if we can truly say that *"we are not ignorant of his devices."*

We all know what weariness is. Life has always been more or less strenuous, and in these days it seems it is more strenuous than it ever was. How weary we get sometimes! Weariness, if we are not careful, will afford the enemy an advantage that he will not be slow to avail himself of. Read the story of Sisera. He was a great general, but as a result of great weariness he allowed himself to sleep in a place of the greatest dan-

ger, and he lost his life. *"Then Heber's wife took a nail of the tent, and took an hammer in her hand, and went softly unto him, and smote the nail into his temples, and fastened it into the ground: for he was fast asleep and weary. So he died."* (Judges 4:21).

We who are the children of God are pilgrims. We are on a pilgrimage. We are traveling through the wilderness of this world. Our goal is yonder. There are many joys connected with the pilgrimage of the saints of God, but there are many hardships, many difficulties, many trials. God has made for us adequate provision. We need not fail or faint nor falter by the wayside. Concerning God we read that He *"fainteth not, neither is weary,"* and that He *"giveth power to the faint, and to them that have no might He increaseth strength."* (Isa. 40:28, 29). The promise is to the pilgrims, and the fulfilment of it is experienced only by those who keep their eyes upon the goal and are determined, with God's help and in spite of all obstacles placed in their way by the enemy, to reach their destination.

The 84th Psalm is a psalm for pilgrims. I quote verses five to seven: *"Blessed is the man whose strength is in Thee; in whose heart are the ways of them, who, passing through the valley of Baca make it a well; the rain also filleth the pools. They go from strength to strength, every one of them in Zion appeareth before God."* In the Revised Version the passage is rendered thus: *"Blessed is the man whose strength is in Thee; in whose heart are the highways of Zion. Passing through the valley of Weeping they make it a place of springs; yea, the early rain covereth it with blessings. They go from strength to strength, every one of them appeareth before God in Zion."*

It will be observed that not one of the pilgrims fails to reach his destination. Not one of those spoken of falls by the wayside. Does this mean that it is impossible for a pilgrim to fall and so fail to reach his destination? It means nothing of the kind. The pilgrims that are spoken of are the pilgrims who persist in their upward climb, the pilgrims *"in whose hearts are the highways to Zion,"* and who trusting in the Lord and refusing to be defeated in their efforts, *"go from strength to strength,"* thus becoming stronger as they go, and proving the truth of the Scripture which says,

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## DIGEST OF DISTRICT COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

The thirty-sixth annual council of the Northern California and Nevada District convened at Sacramento, February 24 through 26, 1954. The roster committee reported 483 voting constituents in attendance including 275 ordained ministers, 96 licentiates, 8 Christian workers, and 104 delegates. Also there were 316 registered visitors. District Superintendent, W. T. Gaston presided over the business sessions, and General Superintendent, R. M. Riggs was the evening speaker.

The outcome of the business sessions of particular interest to *Glad Tidings* readers included the following:

A resolution was passed providing for examining credential applicants during the fall season well in advance of District council. The examining committee would include the District officers and regional presbyters and pastors.

A resolution was passed providing for a two-day regional minister's institute to be conducted in each area of our District.

General presbyters elected were R. J. Thurmond and J. L. Gerhart.

The District Presbytery was delegated the responsibility of deciding whether or not Glad Tidings Bible Institute should become a four year Bible college.

A resolution was passed providing for the establishment of a District owned and operated Bible book store.

The Council resolved to take steps to provide dormitory furnishings for Glad Tidings Bible Institute. Pledges were received providing for beds in 38 rooms.

The name of the "District Sunday School Director" was changed to "Director of Christian Education."

A committee of two ministers was appointed to investigate the possibilities of the establishment of Christian Day Schools in our District.

Special greetings were extended to Brother K. M. Haystead, our Assistant Superintendent, and there were several seasons of prayer on his behalf.

There was a unanimous standing vote of appreciation to Pastor Henson and his people of Bethel Church for their generous hospitality in providing for the convention.



# CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS

This month E. Wm. ANDERSON writes on:

## 1000 MORE IN '54

What a privilege it is to know that we are qualified to be Christ's Ambassadors, divinely-called for a divine purpose to win a thousand more in '54. All power in heaven is available to the youth of our Assemblies in assisting to carry out a faithful calling and ministry of winning souls. We were never intended to be a nonentity in any community but rather a dynamic, positive, spiritual influence affecting the whole of society.

It is important that we have a vision of both heaven and hell. We must know how to estimate properly the value of spiritual things and the value of one soul. Yes, it is *must* to have a consciousness of the sense of our calling, with a vital concern and burden for all outside of Christ. In order to win a thousand more for '54 we should have at least three requisites:

### A SPIRITUAL LIFE.

Men and women broken in life and fellowship need to know through observation of Christ's Ambassadors that there is a life satisfying portion. No spiritually-anaemic, half-defeated, sickly individual is ever going to reveal the satisfying portion of a life "*hid with God*" through Christ Jesus. It is the life that is overflowing with joy, happiness, peace, contentment and full satisfaction with power that is going to win its way into the needy hearts of lost man-kind. No discouraged or defeated, pessimistic young person is ever going to be able to lift the sights of a world that has lost its way and thus is steeped in sin, misery and sorrow. The need of the hour is youth whose lives are centered in the heart and nature of God which serves as an artesian well springing up before the world that is thirsty

and dying because of nothing to satisfy that thirst. A spiritual life coming out of a personal contact with God is the only thing that is going to help us win a thousand more in '54.

### A SPIRITUAL MESSAGE.

Only a message centered in Christ will lift men and women in such days as these. There is no time for mere foolishness and entertainment. It must be a message of evangelism! What is evangelism?

It is the sob of God.

It is the anguished cry of Jesus as He weeps over a doomed city.

It is the cry of Paul, "I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh."

Evangelism is the heart-wringing plea of Moses, "Oh, this people have sinned . . . yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin —; if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of the book which thou hast written."

It is the cry of John Knox, "Give me Scotland or I die."

It is the declaration of John Wesley, "The world is my parish."

It is the prayer of Billy Sunday, "Make me a giant for God."

It is the sob of parents in the night, weeping over a prodigal child.

It is the great secret of the Christ's Ambassadors living for God.

### A SPIRITUAL SERVICE.

The youth of our churches going out to serve must do so because the "love of Christ constraineth" them. Every bit of service is done for the glory of God. It must always be a means to an end and never the end within itself. We cannot be satisfied in such a day as this until we have put our all into God's work. If we are to win a thousand souls for '54, it is going to come out of contact with Christ and out of this contact will come the spiritual life, message and service which are so necessary.

Souls Are Waiting

White are the fields for the harvest,  
Workers are all too few.

Souls are awaiting the Message  
Christ still depends on YOU.



**Wouldn't you invest \$1 each**

. . . in your own sons and daughters to keep them interested in spiritual things at the time they are most likely to leave the church? The National C. A. Department's job is to help you win young people to our churches and keep them there.

An investment in the National C. A. Department is an investment in the spiritual welfare of our young people. Take an offering on C. A. Day for our National C. A. Department.

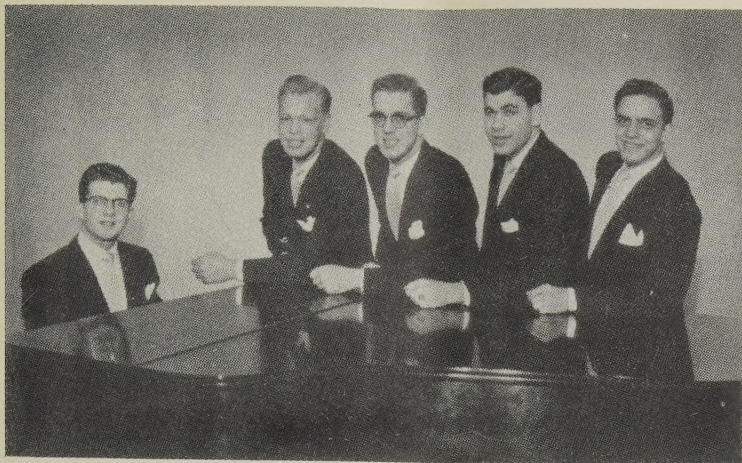
**C. A. DAY IS APRIL 25**

### DEAR READER:

Please remove me and place me on the C. A. bulletin board.  
Thank You!



# MISSION-AIRES ITINERATE IN DISTRICT



THE C. A.  
MISSION-  
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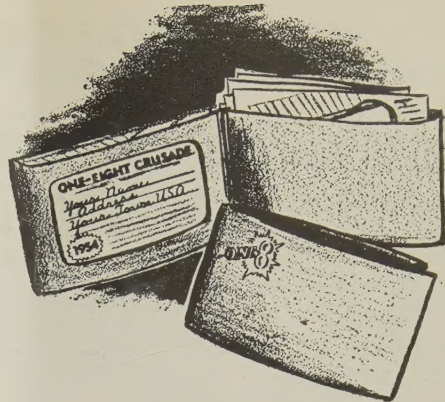
We have been fortunate in securing the new Mission-aires quartet for an itinerary in our district. This is the group which represents the National C. A. Department, traveling in the interest of the Speed-the-Light program.

We are happy to announce that the Mission-aires will be with us in the Northern California and Nevada District for 14 days, beginning on May 2. Their complete itinerary will be as follows:

- May 2, A. M. open.
- May 2, P. M. Sacramento, Capital Assembly.
- May 3, P. M. rally.
- May 4, P. M. Lincoln, full Gospel church.
- May 5, P. M. Redding, Assembly of God.
- May 6, P. M. Eureka, Assembly of God.
- May 7, P. M. Ukiah, Assembly of God.
- May 9, A. M. open.
- May 9, P. M. Vallejo, First Assembly of God.
- May 10, rally.
- May 11, P. M. Redwood City, Assembly of God.
- May 12, P. M. Santa Cruz, Assembly of God.
- May 13, P. M. open.
- May 14, P. M. El Cerrito, Assembly of God.
- May 16, A. M. open.
- May 16, P. M. Turlock, Bethel Temple.

Members of the quartet are Carl Clark, first tenor, Indiana; Warren Grant, second tenor, New Mexico; Ross Wyss, baritone, Iowa; and Wesley Holmes, bass, Oklahoma. The piano accompanist and soloist is Max Eleiott of New York state. Solos, duets, quartets, and instrumental numbers make up the musical portion of their program.

Speed-the-Light has reached a state where new replacement equipment is a vital necessity. "Keep 'em Rolling" is the cry from many mission fields. We trust that the Mission-aires ministry will bring to our district a renewed emphasis on Speed-the-Light.



## TRAK-PAK

This is it! Just one of the attractive items designed to equip the One-Eight soul winner. In keeping with the plan for each C.A. to distribute eight tracts a week, this handsome wallet will be a convenient carrier for the One-Eight "Hi Neighbor" tracts.

Every C. A. group in our district should be prepared to launch the One-Eight Crusade on C. A. Day, April 25. If your group has not ordered the special materials by now, we suggest that you rush the C. A. Day Advance Order Form airmail special delivery to the National C. A. Department, Springfield 1, Missouri.

## OUR S-T-L ACHIEVEMENTS:

Thank you, C. A.'s, for giving to our great Speed-The-Light program. With your help, the following projects were completed last year:

A Chevrolet Handyman for Maurice Luce. (\$3,077.25).

A Ford Ranch Wagon for Floyd Thomas. (\$2,000.00).

A German Diesel automobile for Paul Brown. (\$1,476.86).

A Willys Station Wagon for Paul Cooper. (\$2,300.00).

A donation to the Calcutta Evangelistic Center. (\$500.00).

Two bicycles for James Baker. (\$57.00).

A Public Address System for Paul Brown. (\$300.00).

We rejoice with those who were able to participate, and we sympathize with those who wanted to but could not. The burden of this work is upon us for we recognize that souls go unreached when God's missionaries are not properly equipped. May our good record of '53 become so much the better in '54!



A NEW GROUP OF C. A.'s recently set in order at Loma Prieta. The officers are: Bob Daniels, President; Jess Higginbotham, Vice-President; and Jean Gaudinier, Secretary. The Pastor at Loma Prieta is Fred Howe.



# SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

# WATCH THIS COLUMN



Average attendance for the month of February.

1. Sacramento, Bethel Temple	1,056
2. Redwood City	392
3. Santa Cruz, First Assembly	187
4. Burlingame	148
5. Lincoln	131
6. Marysville	105
7. Walnut Creek	103
8. Biggs	80
9. Colusa	70
10. Soquel	70

The school with the highest percentage of increase for the month of February over the average attendance for January for each section.

February Increase

Capital Section		
Sacramento Bethel Temple	1,056	14.04%
Contra Costa Section		
Walnut Creek	103	8.19%
Peninsula Section		
Redwood City	392	8.86%

All other sections: No report.

Note: Send your average attendance for the preceeding month and the month just finished to the Sunday School Department immediately following the last Sunday of each month so we can print it in this column.

## TOP:

Valentine's Day 1954, was a record breaking day for Bethel Temple's Sunday School. Evangelist Fern Huffstutler (left) helped Mrs. Henson break a record over Pastor Clyde Henson's head. Unexpected by the evangelist, Associate Pastor Joseph Prettyman, and Sunday School Superintendent N a a m a n Hall, broke a record over her head at the same time. The Sunday School record which was also broken, was an attendance of over one thousand for three Sundays in a row. The final Sunday's attendance reached 1094.

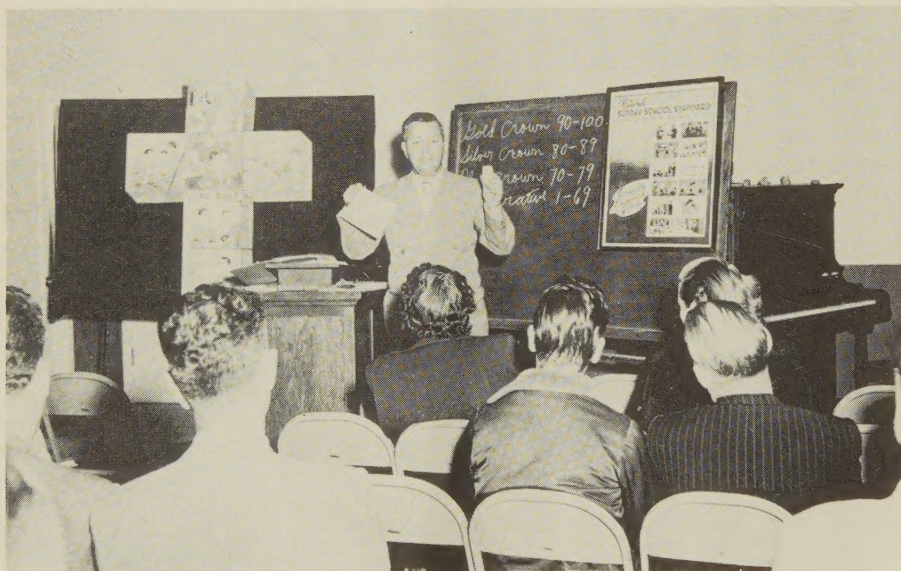
## MIDDLE:

Part of the Administration and Organization class of the Sacramento Area Training Course with L. W. Suter telling the Sunday School leaders about the Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade through which our boys and girls have given over \$125,000.00 to missions in the last four years.

## BOTTOM:

L. W. Suter presenting the instructors of the Sacramento Area Workers Training Course with their certificates.

Photos Courtesy Owen Aivazian.





# MISSIONS: Home and Foreign

## Peirces To Minister In Europe This Summer



WILLIARD C. PEIRCE

Brother and Sister Willard C. Peirce have announced that they plan to spend the coming summer in evangelistic work in England and Europe. For some time the Peirces have felt the call to this work and many invitations have come to them; but only now have conditions been such that they could actually plan to go. They are booked to sail, the Lord willing, on May 14.

The Peirces have been much burdened for the people of the Old Country who have turned away from God and the church and who are now in desperate spiritual need. It is their hope that they will be in London at the conclusion of Billy Graham's campaign there. They believe this will be a particularly advantageous time to minister while people's hearts are stirred toward spiritual things.

For the most part, the Peirces are deliberately not planning their overseas itinerary too carefully; but rather, they plan to "travel under sealed orders" and remain open to the Lord's leading. However, they do hope that after their mission to Britain is completed they will be able to go to Germany and other nations of the continent.

We may all share the work of the Peirces through these summer months

by our prayers and our expressions of interest. The ministry of Brother Peirce and of his good wife has blessed us at Glad Tidings, and we believe that while we lend them to others they will continue to be a blessing and benediction. Let us pray thus and stand with them in this missionary enterprise.

### Third Annual MISSIONARY CONVENTION

Glad Tidings Bible Institute

April 27, 28, 29 and 30

Services: 11:00 a. m.

7:30 p. m.



Workshop each afternoon

Six Missionaries attending

Public Cordially Invited

A recent letter from the Kennedys of Freetown, Sierra Leone, West Africa reports:

■ They were proceeding to install a baptistry and dressing rooms for the Kru church of which Brother Simon Grant is the pastor. There was a need

## Preaching Under Strange Conditions

Preachers in America sometimes have rather unusual audiences to which to preach, but on the mission field the unusual is much more striking. For instance, Missionary to the Philippines, Charley Coleman, writes of a recent experience: "We hiked and rode horseback into the high mountains of this province where no white man had ever gone before. On the way up we met about fifteen adult spirit worshippers. They wore beads of many colors about the neck and head and all of them were carrying a weapon of some kind. Many had pistols, and almost all had a sharp butcher knife at their side. We told the spirit worshippers about our God, but we did not try to persuade them at all. It was a job to get any anointing to preach to them with all those big knives in plain view! Just a few years ago these same people were headhunters."

Elsewhere in his letter, Brother Coleman tells of conducting an evangelistic campaign with the Ernest Sjobergs in their new work in the town of Angeles. In ten days some 125 sought the Lord, with thirty to fifty responding each night.

We will maintain our liberties only by the religious education of our youth. — George Washington.

for financial help to finish the project.

■ They were in faith building a new church in a village some 15 miles from Freetown.

■ They had just been able to lay a new floor in their house after white ants had honeycombed the old one.

### THE BERNARD JOHNSONS,

*Missionaries to Brazil.  
At present the John-  
sons are on furlough  
and they are itinerat-  
ing in our District.  
Their home address is  
P. O. Box 423, Half  
Moon Bay, California.*





# HERE AND THERE

**BIOLA** — Reverend J. C. Snyder, presbyter for the South San Joaquin Section, reports a very good fellowship meeting on February 15. Brother Clayton Bish of San Diego was the afternoon speaker, and Brother Dewey Heath of Oklahoma spoke in the evening. Brother Snyder states, "A sweet moving of the Spirit was felt during the entire day."

**CLOVERDALE** — Evangelist C. R. McQueary recently conducted revival services with Pastor J. L. Jeffrey. During the meetings the members of the church were revived and new ones were brought into the fold. Pastor Jeffrey reported, "God is blessing. This is the best revival that has ever come to Cloverdale. Our Sunday School has gained from 64 to 97 in four weeks!"

**COLUSA** — The Assembly has concluded a very successful worker's training course on the subject of Personal Evangelism. Sister Noble was the teacher, R. A. Wilson, Jr. is the pastor.

**CORNING** — Pastor Joseph Harper echoed a note of victory in his report of blessing in Corning. He wrote, "We had a very successful revival campaign with Evangelist and Mrs. Arthur Rupp of Owen, Wisconsin. Our people enjoyed it and were definitely helped and encouraged by the ministry of music and old fashion preaching of the Word. There were five young people that were definitely saved, and others got back to God. Eight were baptized in water and we have eight new applications for membership in the church."

**HAWTHORNE** — Pastor Travis F. Baker reports a two-week meeting with Evangelist Wm. C. Ross of Westwood. Writes Brother Baker: "Brother Ross was a real blessing to us, his heart-searching Pentecostal messages were fresh from the throne. One young lady was gloriously filled with the Holy Spirit."

**KERMAN** — A good increase in the Sunday School and church is reported by Sisters Julia Peterson and Ruth Bertenshaw. Four souls were saved and one received the baptism in the Holy Spirit through the ministry of Evangelist and Mrs. Oney.

**McKINEYVILLE** — Writes Pastor Chas. Kerner, "The Lord gave us a real Holy Ghost revival during the three weeks meetings with Evangelist and Mrs. Harold Parrish of Colorado. Brother Parrish's clear explanation of the Word, under the anointing of the

Holy Spirit, deepened the spiritual life of young and old. Many were saved, reclaimed, healed, and baptized in the Holy Spirit."

**NEW MONTEREY** — A new church has been established here by Brother Franklyn Murray. The blessing of the Lord has already been present and victories for the Lord are



EVANGELIST AND MRS. D. F. LEADER

For some weeks now the Fred Leaders of Chicago, have been ministering in our District and they have proved to be a heart-warming blessing wherever they have gone. Their meetings among us have included: Chico, San Jose (Bethel Church), Oakland (Calvary Temple), and Eureka.

The Leaders offer a ministry of forceful preaching coupled with outstanding musical talent. Some of their vocal duets and piano accordion solos have been recorded and their records circulate widely and are proving to be abidingly popular.

In a letter to *Glad Tidings* Brother Leader comments, "This is the second opportunity we have had to labor in your district, and we have sincerely enjoyed our ministry and the fellowship of the pastors here. It appears that we will return again in the future for further evangelistic ministry in this District, and we look forward to it with real anticipation."

## Fellowship Meetings

APRIL:

- 5 — Smith River, South Modesto Acres, Quincy
- 12 — Kelseyville, Pittsburg
- 19 — St. Helena
- 26 — Fairmead, Live Oak, Soquel

being anticipated in this community. Prayer is requested that this work will be used of God to win men and women to Christ.

**OAKLAND (CALVARY TEMPLE)** — Recent meetings with the Fred Leaders resulted in many conversions and general blessing in the Assembly. Evangelist Peter Van Woerden was a guest speaker following the Leader meeting.

**SALINAS** — The church in Salinas was greatly edified and revived by the ministry of the Evangelaires, former students of G. T. B. I. Pastor Jones is rejoicing over the souls saved and the stir of interest from the very first night. One entire family of five were saved, baptized in water, and the mother filled with the Holy Spirit.

**SANTA CRUZ (FIRST ASSEMBLY)** — Recent deeper life meetings with Evangelist John Wright Follette proved very profitable and of abiding blessing.

**SAN JOSE (CALVARY TEMPLE)** — A program to extend the Sunday School from an average of 256 to 500 has been announced under the name of "Operation 500."

**WASCO** — An outstanding revival under the ministry of Evangelist Hildreth Ethridge, was recently concluded. Souls were saved, filled with the Spirit and the entire Assembly was richly blessed. Pastor Ralph W. Gaither reports that eighty students enrolled in their cooperative Workers Training Course. The churches included besides this Assembly were the Delano Assembly of God Church and the Pentecostal Church of God of Wasco.

**WILLITS** — The March Lake-Mendocino fellowship meeting held in this Assembly proved to be a lovely day of fellowship and inspiration in spite of unfavorable weather. The afternoon speaker was R. J. Thurmond; while in the evening, Pastor Jeffery of Cloverdale brought the message. Sister Thurmond spoke in the meeting prior to the evening service. Don Morrow is the pastor.



## Personal Mention

Chaplain FRANK SMITH writes of his ministry at Parks Air Force Base. He tells of leading to the Lord a Major who had put off taking a Christian stand for 30 years. Also he reports an incident of praying for a woman in a hospital. Though the woman had been unconscious for 24 hours, she opened her eyes and immediately gained consciousness.

The Evangelaires (EARL and HAZEL GOULD, ED KRAMER, STEVEN ASMUTH) have been holding meetings in Oregon. From Pastor W. L. Stephens of Springfield comes the following report: "Our hearts thrilled as we sat under the anointed upreaching of Brothers Gould and Kramer and the wonderful singing of the quartet. Some 18 sinners and backsliders made their way to the altars to find the "peace that passeth understanding." Others were filled with the Holy Ghost and many reconsecrated their lives to God. Also our Sunday School received a wonderful boost during the revival. In December our average was 201 and in January it was 210 but in February after the meeting it jumped to 251."

The FLOYD THOMAS' wrote from England on their way to Africa. They reported a smooth crossing with no seasickness. A fellow-traveler on their ship to England was Evangelist Billy Graham.

A cordial letter from former Glad Tidings Dean of Women, LUCENA E. TURNER, who now resides at Fresno, assures us of her continued interest and prayers on behalf of *Glad Tidings Magazine* and the work of our District.

### NEW ARRIVAL

On Saturday, March 13, Pastor and Mrs. Eugene Lawrence became the proud parents of a son, Stanley Eugene. Little Stanley weighed 7 pounds 3 ounces. He is their second child.

### FOR SALE

Four room cottage at Bethany Park on lot 139. Price \$5,000, with \$1,500 down and \$50 per month. Anyone interested may contact Mrs. Ellen Belisle, 240 Tingley Street, San Francisco, Phone De 3-3958, evenings.

Sunday School Bus, 1937 Chevrolet, interior completely reconditioned; 1941 motor, \$200.00. Contact, J. Kirk Soper, 1122 Wall St., Tracy, Calif. Phone 1013W.



NELSON E. HINMAN

It is a real joy to welcome Nelson E. Hinman back to our District. After two years in Indiana, he now is returning and is to be the Pastor of Glad Tidings Temple, San Francisco. Brother Hinman writes that he expects to assume his new duties not later than April 11.

At South Bend, where he has been pastoring, Brother Hinman headed a church staff of thirteen in a work that included all regular church activities plus a Christian Day School and a School for the Blind. His Sunday School averaged well over 900, with a peak attendance of 1580.

Our interest and prayers are with Brother Hinman and the people of Glad Tidings Temple. We trust that divine blessing may overshadow pastor and people, and that the future may bring Glad Tidings' greatest victories and successes for God.

## OREGON WELL REPRESENTED AT GLAD TIDINGS BIBLE INSTITUTE



Glad Tidings Bible Institute feels itself particularly favored this season by the fine group of Oregon young people in attendance. Some 22 are pictured above, and 5 were absent when the picture was taken. These folk represent nearly 20 percent of our student body and they constitute a most worthy group whom we appreciate sincerely. The school is indeed grateful to the pastors and people of Oregon who direct these students our way.

Glad Tidings is enjoying a good season this spring with spiritual victory and God's blessing abiding upon us. One can seldom enter the prayer room except he find students in pray-

er. Often times the groups are quite large and the sound of prayer is "as the sound of many waters." In addition to the fine spiritual atmosphere, there is a lovely spirit of comradeship and general goodwill, so that to be at Glad Tidings is indeed a precious privilege.

The spring graduation of Glad Tidings will be May 29, with baccalaureate on May 28. The fall opening will be September 7, 1954.

### CHANGE OF NAME

Brother William Ta Vares has notified us of a change in his name to William Lewis Travis. He is open for pastoral calls and may be contacted at 537 Penn Street, Pasadena, Calif.



## Do You Listen to Revivaltime?



Revivaltime speaker, C. M. Ward, as he appeared at a recent Revivaltime Rally. The response to this Gospel effort is most encouraging.

## The Valley of Baca

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*"The path of the just is as the shining light that shineth more and more unto the perfect day."* Prov. 4:18.

Milton translated a number of the Psalms into English verse, among them the 84th Psalm. Here is his rendering of verses 4-7:

"Happy who in Thy house reside,  
Where Thee they ever praise!

Happy whose strength in Thee doth  
bide,

And in their hearts Thy ways!  
They pass through Baca's thirsty  
vale,

That dry and barren ground,  
As through a fruitful watery dale  
where springs and showers  
abound.

They journey on from strength to  
strength

With joy and gladsome cheer,  
Till all before our God at length  
In Sion do appear."

A very beautiful rendering indeed! Milton did this translating in 1648. The king James Version had been given to the English speaking world only a little more than thirty years prior to this time. It will be observed that Milton had a better understanding of the original than had the translators of the King James Version. He saw that the original teaches that the highways to Zion are in the hearts of the pilgrims who are making the pilgrimage. This truth is

and in the stream of 400 letters daily there are frequent testimonies of conversions, restorations, and blessings under the anointed ministry of Brother Ward.

In January, 1954, our District gave a total of \$579.44 for this worthy effort. This barely was sufficient to meet the cost of air-time for Revivaltime in our area.

By mid February, some 15 of our District assemblies had agreed to support Revivaltime regularly, and were displaying the black and gold Revivaltime sponsor's sign.

Waiting time is not wasted time when it is waiting on God.

### REPORT ON K. M. HAYSTEAD

The Lord willing, by the time this issue of *Glad Tidings* is in the hands of our readers, Brother K. M. Haystead, our Assistant Superintendent, will be back at his desk for limited duty. He is gaining in strength and vigor daily and is rejoicing in God's healing and restoring power.

clearly set forth in the Revised Version, where we read . . . "in whose heart are the highways to Zion."

One of the most beautiful and inspiring renderings of verses 5-7 is Moffatt's. Here it is: "Happy are they who, nerved by Thee, set out on pilgrimage! When they pass through Wearyglen, fountains flow for their refreshing, blessings rain upon them; they are the stronger as they go, till God at last reveals Himself in Sion."

The Word of God speaks of God's saints as "strangers and pilgrims." Such indeed we are, and as such we are getting nearer every day to our destination. Each day, each hour, each moment brings us a bit nearer the end of the way. Earth has been called a "vale of tears," but, while here, we are often called upon to shed tears, and indeed have occasion to shed them, the most of the time our hearts are rejoicing if we are the true children of God, and are living in victory. There are tears, yes; there is sorrow, yes; there are difficulties, yes; but the valley of Baca, or, Wearyglen, is just a place to be passed through, or crossed over; the most of the way for the Christian pilgrim is bright and glorious, and even in Wearyglen, as the pilgrims pass through, "fountains flow for their refreshing, blessings rain upon them; they are the stronger as they go, till at last God reveals Himself in Sion." God is the God of the hills, and of the valleys.

## Meet Our Presbyters

This month we present . . .



GEORGE W.  
CLEMENTS

The presbyter of the Contra Costa section is Brother George W. Clements. He is also pastor of the Bella Vista Assembly of God and has worked in this District for eight years. The church at Bella Vista was built under his ministry.

In place of the usual report on our presbyters, we print below excerpts from a splendid sermonette that Brother Clements sent us. It speaks more eloquently of his spiritual fervour and godliness of heart than any mere description.

### FEAR NOT THE FUTURE

Some one has very pertinently said, "There was no rudder to Noah's Ark; it was hardly necessary as he had obeyed God and now, was shut in with God only to steer his Ark. For he was on God's errand. It is a delightful experience when we really believe that God is steering our little bark over life's tempestuous sea."

If there is anything that will set our soul at ease and in a large place, it is a COMPLETE ABANDONMENT TO GOD, it diffuses in the soul a peace that flows like a river, and righteousness as the waves of the sea.

Truly we can face the future with a courage that is steadfast and unwavering, with an assurance that never sags, and with a hope that never dims. But only as our lives harmonize and are in agreement with and, are obedient to him with whom is "no variableness neither shadow of turning," (James 1:17) and who is "the same yesterday and today and forever." (Heb. 13:8).

One writer has rightly said, "If there is a God and He cares for men, the MOST important thing in the world is for ME to find out what He wants me to do, and do it."



# WOMEN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL

## CONVENTION DAYS

by

GOLDIA ANDERSON

"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might" (Eccl. 9:10) The enthusiastic consecration of our W. M. C. groups to this theme was surely proven in our penny parade at District Council in Sacramento. The pennies poured in from Section after Section until they filled a large old-fashioned wash tub! Our total amount will be over \$1,000.00 to purchase furnishings for our first new Church under our Home Extension program. We surely praise the Lord for this and wish to express our THANKS to all of you who made it possible.

Sister Whipple, our National Secretary, always says, "W. M. C. can do anything" — We believe we can take another important project for this coming year. The ladies agreed to furnish the recreation room at our Glad Tidings Bible Institute. This is something that surely needs to be done and if we all start now to save our pennies we will be able to do a good job. If you would like to send

in a donation now, your Section will receive credit in our next Penny Parade.

We are very thankful to the Lord for His sweet presence with us on our W. M. C. day at Convention. In the days that lie ahead we hope that we may all determine in our hearts to be even more faithful and energetic than ever before, in our work for the Master, helping both home and foreign Missionaries to spread the glorious Gospel of Christ.

## WMC SECTIONAL DIRECTORS

Our present WMC Sectional Directors are as follows:

### CAPITAL

Mrs. Oscar Arnesen, Box 442, Lincoln, Calif.

### COAST COUNTIES

Mrs. A. E. Gunter, P. O. Box 435, Morgan Hill, Calif

### CONTRA COSTA

Mrs. G. W. Clements, 22 Water St., Pittsburg, Calif.

### CENTRAL SAN JOAQUIN

Mrs. F. L. Cook, Box 817, Oakdale, Calif.

### EAST BAY

Mrs. Marjorie Maddocks Sherman, 2801 High St., Oakland.

### LAKE AND MENDOCINO

Mrs. Floyd Fultz, Rt. 1, Box 835, Lakeport, Calif.

### LASSEN - PLUMAS

Mrs. Maude Colter, Box 785, Westwood, Calif.

### NEVADA

Mrs. Charles Elmes, 524 Bell St., Reno, Nevada.

### NO. SAN JOAQUIN

Mrs. L. H. Rogers, 21 No. Stanislaus St., Stockton, Calif.

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Mrs. L. R. Anderson, 808 So. Davis St., Santa Rosa, Calif.

### PENINSULA

Mrs. W. P. Steelberg, 1746 Virginia Ave., Redwood City, Calif.

### REDWOOD

Mrs. Dorothy Von Patten, 1919 4th St., Eureka, Calif.

### SACRAMENTO VALLEY

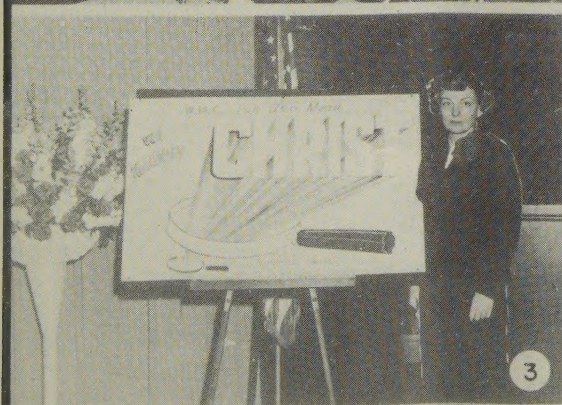
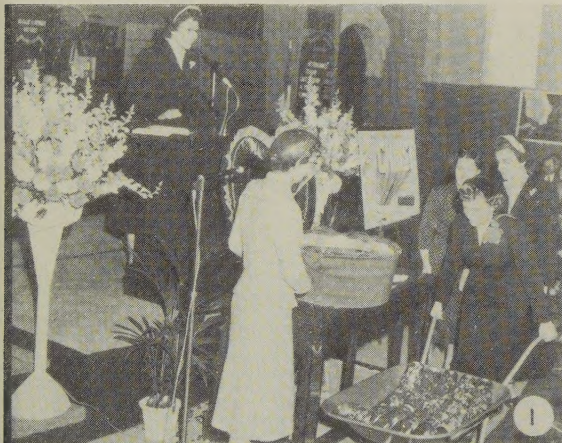
Mrs. James Benney, Rt. 1, Box 981, Red Bluff, Calif.

### SHASTA

Mrs. Nora Ayers, Box 365, Tulelake, Calif.

### SO. SAN JOAQUIN

Mrs. J. C. Snyder, 1320 W. 22nd St., Merced, Calif.



## WMC CONVENTION DAY

1. Peninsula Section wins the penny contest with \$205 in pennies.
2. The wash tub with all its pennies.
3. The lovely banner of the Peninsula Section.
4. Sister Maude Colter with the penny logging truck of Lassen-Plumas Section.



# CURRENT SIGNS



*Brother A. J. Lebeck and his family. Seated are Brother and Sister Lebeck and their daughter Esther. Standing are: (left to right) Robert, with his wife Lois, Leroy, and Paul.*

*Brother Lebeck, the faithful contributor of Current Signs, has been writing for Glad Tidings Magazine since 1929. In 1936 he began the page under the title of "Prophetic Digest," but in 1939 he changed the name to "Current Signs." Also from 1937 to 1950, Brother Lebeck was responsible for the "Here and There" page. From time to time, he has contributed worthwhile features and articles.*

*In addition to his work on behalf of Glad Tidings, Brother Lebeck is an active Gideon and through the years, he and his wife have served in various positions in this organization. At present, Brother Lebeck is serving his second term as State President, and Sister Lebeck is continuing in office as State Vice-President.*

*In what we presume must be their spare time, the Lebecks operate an office supply house and business equipment company in Sacramento. The family are active members of Bethel Temple of Sacramento.*

## Scripture Placement

In 1953, some 20,000,000 volumes of Scripture were distributed by the Bible Societies. The goal in 1954 is 25,000,000 and by 1960 a total of 50,000,000. In their first 150 years the various Bible Societies have distributed 1,200,000,000 Scriptures in 900 dialects and languages.

## Not Much Depth

Despite the fact that millions are members of Churches in the United States, and "ninety-four per cent of the American people say they believe in God" only 40 per cent of our population attend church and "at family meals fewer than one third of Americans say grace."

## Church Building Booms

American churches set a new record in building last year. A total of \$474,000,000 worth of construction got under way during the year.

## The Record Since Repeal

Drinking among Americans has increased twelve-fold since the repeal of the 18th Amendment, the Methodist Board of Temperance said in a statement last month marking the 20th Anniversary of the repeal of Prohibition.

Approximately 75 per cent of the time and energy of our metropolitan police forces are devoted to offenses stemming directly from liquor or alcoholism," he said.

America has 7,000,000 "problem drinkers," the highest crime bill in the world, and the highest rate of alcoholic consumption, except for France.

## Tobacco Consumption

American smokers consumed almost twenty billion packs of cigarettes and more than six billion cigars during the twelve months ended June 30, 1953.

## Divorces Increase

It is an unfortunate fact that all divorce rates have risen rapidly in recent years. At the turn of the century, there were 55,751 divorces in the United States. By 1920, the number rose to 170,000 per year. In the depression year of 1932, the figure dropped to 164,241, but by 1940 it was up to 264,000. The all-time peak was reached in 1946, when the nation went divorce mad to the tune of 610,000 for the year. That was almost four and a half divorces for every thousand persons in the United States.

## Noonday Meetings

In a recent edition Collier's Magazine reports in an article entitled "An hour with God" the activities of a group of men in Louisville, Kentucky. These men not only faithfully remember the Lord's day, but also they remember that God doesn't work a one-day week.

In the Louisville and Nashville Railroad's South Louisville shops, about 600 of the 3,000 men who work there tote their lunch boxes over to a central area and spend their lunch hour in Christian fellowship and genuine prayer. Literally, the men "break bread with God." This custom has been in practice for some 50 years.

Our country needs many more of these prayer meetings.

## Religious Renaissance

President Eisenhower's pastor, the Rev. Edward Elson of Washington's National Presbyterian Church, credited the president with leading "one of the great periods of religious renaissance in our national history." He said, "There is a fresh naturalness and manliness to prayer . . . by his regular participation in Christian worship, by the maintenance of his personal spiritual disciplines and through his public utterances, the president is pointing America to the way of faith . . ." (Christian Digest - 3/54).

## Our Basic Problems

One scientist put a placard on the walls of his laboratory which read: "The world has turned from religion to science — and look at it!" Although our scientists have approved the manufacture of the H-bomb, they realize that only as some great moral and spiritual force is operative in the affairs of men can we have any assurance that we will not exterminate the human race; for men are beginning to realize that our basic problems are not economic, social, political, national, or even international — our basic problems are moral and spiritual. —Howard W. Ferrin.